

To: The Honorable William C. Smith, Chairman and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

From: Stephanie Dowling

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Re: SB745 - Vehicle Laws – Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders – Exception

Position: FAVORABLE - DOES SUPPORT

I SUPPORT SB745 as it allows adults over the age of 21, has been licensed for at least 2 years, or has completed a motorcycle safety course, the Freedom of Choice regarding helmets.

I have been a licensed motorcycle operator for 19 years, and I enjoyed the Freedom of Choice when I lived in Pennsylvania and visited other states where wearing a helmet is the rider's choice. I moved to Maryland in 2016 and I'm in favor of having the same freedom here.

This bill provides Maryland riders the Freedom of Choice that is enjoyed by 31 other states. It also allows riders from other states that same Freedom. I SUPPORT SB745 - Vehicle Laws – Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders – Exception. We urge the committee to consider a FAVORABLE vote, in support of our Freedom of Choice.

Thank you!

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